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Electricity

Reservation of the Palar basin for the development of rural load of electricity.

* 400 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorials from the ryots in the Palar basin requesting them to undertake power distribution to the rural areas themselves;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action has been taken thereon;

(*c*) whether a copy of the memorial will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to reserve the Palar basin in the North Arcot district for the development of rural load of electricity derived from the Mettur Hydro-Electric system so that it may serve as an object lesson to the private licensees elsewhere to develop rural load?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Yes. A copy [a] of the memorial is attached.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Chief Engineer for Electricity has been consulted in the matter?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Yes, Sir; the Government are in correspondence with him."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Will the Government be pleased to consider the question favourably in view of the fact that the Palar basin area contains the largest acreage of well-irrigated lands in the Presidency?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Certainly, Sir, it will be considered."

Prisons and Prisoners

Reconsideration of the question of supplying buttermilk to the prisoners in jails.

* 401 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for re-examining the question of providing buttermilk to all the prisoners in jails; and

(*b*) if so, what they are and at what stage they are?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 504–505 infra.